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OUTLINES.

President McKinley is deeply concerned in Hanna's contest for the Ohio Senatorship. —— Another $100 counterfeit silver certificate was discovered at the Unites States Treasury in a package from Chicago; so far as known, the only cities in which they have appeared are Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia. —— The removal of Jas. W. Wilson, North Carolina railroad commissioner, by Governor Russell, has been taken on appeal to the United States Supreme Court. —— Wages in Massachusetts cotton mills, owned by Whitson brothers, will be reduced 10 per cent. January 10th; it is thought the operators will accept the reduction. —— A mass meeting of spinners will be held in New Bedford to take action on the proposed reduction of wages to take effect January 17th. —— In Maine it is estimated that 20,000 operatives will be effected by the reduction which goes into effect January 17th; a strike in some of the mills is expected. —— The bulk of the British fleet in Chinese waters is at Chusan. —— The coldest weather this season in Northern New York was experienced yesterday, the mercury registering from 20 to 34 degrees below zero. —— The Commercial hotel at Mt. Carmel, Pa., burned; the thirty-seven guests barely escaped with their lives. —— New York dry goods market continues dull —— A train which left Kansas City, Mo., last night was robbed by two masked men near the city limits; the express car was plundered. —— Cold weather in Florida did considerable damage to vegetables; strawberries in the northern section were frozen and vines set back fully six weeks; orange trees in some cases will lose their foliage. —— Deposits of gold of great richness have been discovered in Labrador. —— Dr. Robt. L. Dabney, one of the prominent educators of the South, died at Knoxville, Tenn. —— Gen. Johnston Hagood, a Confederate veteran, died yesterday at his home in Barnwell, S. C. —— The Senatorial situation in the Ohio Legislature remains unchanged, despite the fierce fight made by Hanna's supporters; late last night, a dispatch from Columbus said that the Hanna managers had lost the two doubtful members they had gained during the day, and the House still stood 56 to 53 against Hanna. —— A serious split has developed among the Republicans in the Maryland Legislature. —— An anti-trust bill, intended to put a stop to government by injunction, will be introduced in New York Legislature. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 3½@4 per cent., last loan at 3½ per cent. and closed at 3½@4 per cent.; cotton dull—middling 5 15-16c; flour quiet and barely steady; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red $1.00½; corn—spot firm, No. 2 35½c; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1.40 to 1.45; spirits turpentine quiet at 33½ to 33¾.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 A.M., 39 deg.; 8 P.M., 48 deg.; maximum, 56 deg.; minimum, 29 deg.; mean, 42 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .00.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A moderate storm area is central over the lakes. A ridge of high barometer extends from Florida northwest to over the Dakotas. The barometer is falling slowly over the Southwest. Light snow fell over the Middle States and along the lakes during the day; fair weather continued over all other sections, but with increasing cloudiness over the Gulf States. It is generally warmer.

LOCAL FORECAST.

Generally fair weather, but with increasing cloudiness; warmer, southerly winds.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 4 feet.

Port Almanac---January 5.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.02 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 53 M.
High Water at Southport	5.55 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	7.35 A. M.

The Chinese New Year came with an eclipse of the sun, but it wasn't a circumstance to the eclipse that old China is going through now.

The first patent issued to a woman was about thirty years ago, on an apple parer probably. Since then women have taken out about 3,000 patents.

A contemporary discusses "What Hannaism means." Hannaism means to get there if you can, any way you can and to make the most out of it when you get there. That's the long and short of Hannaism.

An enterprising Missouri man secured vitascope pictures of a hanging. He soon got the hang of exhibiting it and is making lots of money. The people of Missouri never fail to enjoy themselves when they can, if it does cost a quarter or so.

The city of New York, in its Greater shape, claims a population of 3,300,000 and to rank next to London. When she wants to get ahead of London all she will have to do is make a deal with New Jersey and take in all the suburban burgs on that side of the river.

A Georgia evangelist is doing missionary work among the heathen in Illinois, and so stirred up the town of Sandwich that the stores closed alternately and even the saloons, to give their people and customers a chance to participate in the revival. Among the remarkable results of the awakening it is stated that a number of people paid debts that had been given up as hopeless. The newspaper men of that section are now thinking of forming a combine to secure the services of that exhorter and turn him loose among their delinquent subscribers.

Some of the microbe investigators insist that the handshake must go, because colonies of microbes locate under the finger nails ready to strike out and take possession of new territory when the handshaking takes place. Well, we don't know about that, but there are two handshakes that ought to go; one is the cold, clammy one, that makes you feel as if you had made digital connection with a corpse, and the other is the one which grabs you vice-like across the knuckles and makes you wish the vice-ous cuss in the middle of next week.

It is said that the two missionaries for whose murder by the Chinese Kaiser William seized Kiao Chou were Jesuits, who were expelled from Germany for saying things the Kaiser didn't like and went to China, where they were engaged in establishing a home for Jesuits when they were murdered. They were not German enough to be permitted to live in Germany, but Germans enough to demand big indemnity for.

About seventy German editors are in jail for lese majeste. It is pretty hard for a fellow with any fun inside of him to edit a paper in Germany without doing some of that, and when they do, they get in trouble or in jail for encroaching on the prerogative of Kaiser William who claims the exclusive right to make himself ridiculous and contemptible.

Kansas is long on wheat and some other truck, including wild-eyed statesmen, but she is short on water. Some of the towns have to wagon water a long distance, and some have it brought by train thirty-five or forty miles. It can be shipped in blocks now.

A Mr. Rensselaer, of New York, gave a dinner to some of his friends the other day which cost $3,500, and was served on gold dishes and plates. Some of their grandpas ate their dinners on tin plates, and didn't put on so much style about it either.

When one-half the population of Cuba are reported to be starving, and yet put the Spaniards to their trumps as they do, what chance would the Spaniards have if the Cubans got square meals two or three days in the week?

We are under obligations to Judge Walter Clark for a copy of a pamphlet containing addresses, articles contributed to magazines and other papers from his pen, which make interesting reading.

An exchange announces that Georgia has dropped foot ball and taken to 'possum suppers. In this respect, while we have no towering admiration for the 'possum, Georgia shows that she is quite level-headed.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Owen F. Love & Co.—Plumbing.
Opera House—"Humpty Dumpty."
Myers & Lewis—Fancy stationery.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Atlantic Tea Co.—Still selling.
H.J. Bierman—Commission merch't.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—188 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 54 bbls rosin, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—677 bales cotton, 25 casks spirits turpentine, 180 bbls rosin, 32 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—6 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 33 bbls rosin, 8 bbls tar.

C.F. & Y.V.Railroad—145 bales cotton, 51 casks spirits turpentine, 44 bbls, tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—8 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 160 bbls rosin, 73 bbls tar.

Total—Cotton 1,024 bales; spirits turpentine, 68 casks; rosin, 447 bbls tar, 157 bbls; crude turpentine, 8 bbls.

Will Resume Business.

Mr. A. Shrier, who has been "resting on his oars" for several years, has decided to resume business about February 1st, in the store on Market street, now occupied by Mr. Jacob Weil, who will soon move into new quarters. Mr. Shrier will carry a stock of hats, caps, shoes and men's furnishing goods generally. He is well known to the trade, having previously been in business here some fifteen or sixteen years.

See the Soap Display at The C. W. Polvogt Co., in charge of Miss Ophelia Northam. Calendars given away. †

LOCAL DOTS.

— An impromptu german was given last night at Hibernian Hall. About twenty couples participated, Mr. Will Donlan leading.

— The schooner *Mabel Darling*, which brought a cargo of fruit, cleared yesterday for Nassau with shingles. Another fruit schooner, the *Victory*, will arrive shortly.

— Messrs. Owen F. Love & Co. announce that they have added to their business a complete plumbing department, and are fully prepared for the best class of work in that line.

— The political gossips think the visit of Col. A. B. Andrews, First Vice-President of the Southern Railway system, to Wilmington a day or two since, had some connection with the Postmastership.

— It is learned that the Roanoke Chemical Company expect to make big shipments this Winter and Spring. The travelling salesmen have all been "off" taking Christmas. They will begin afresh now and their labors will result in heavy shipments.

— Greensboro *Record:* "The Wilmington STAR greeted its readers on New Year's morning in a brand new dress. The STAR is one of the oldest and best papers in the State, and it is a real pleasure for us to note its continued success."

— It was rumored yesterday that two tramps had unearthed an old safe if the vicinity of the Carolina Central depot and removed from it buckets-full of gold and silver coin. The truth in the rumor was that one of the yard hands was digging around the safe, but where the bucket part of the story came in is not so plain.

— The Greensboro *Telegram* says that Mr. Sol. C. Weill, who was supposed to be elected to the New York Assembly, "has been knocked out by the Supreme Court of that State, which declares that his election was illegal and has ordered that his opponent, Perez M. Stewart, be seated." [No information confirmatory of the above has been received in Wilmington.—STAR.]

WHO WILL BE POSTMASTER?

Reports from Washington Conflicting —It Depends on the Attitude of Senator Pritchard.

A special to the Charlotte *Observer* of yesterday from Washington, headed "Chadbourn Wins," says: "The Wilmington postoffice contest is decided, it was said to-day, in favor of Col. W. H. Chadbourn." Information was received in Wilmington yesterday that this was erroneous, but that the fight was waxing warm. It must be; for Dr. Semper Paratus Wright i there; the Hon. Ferdinand Bona-s parte Rice is there; the Hon. Wilhelm Hernandez Chadbourn is there; the Hon. Junius Emeritus Albright, the young and robust Knight of Alamance, is there; and the Hon. Julius Tecumseh Howe is there. And possibly, in the language of the immortal bard, "there are others." But the reader may well imagine that the array of gladiators named is quite sufficient to make "a hot time in the old town tonight."

The impression, almost amounting to a conviction, here has been that Albright had already practically won the fight, this impression being based on the promised support of Senator Pritchard. And, really, it all depends on that now. If Pritchard desert Albright it will be all dark, instead of all bright, for the Knight of Alamance.

If Chadbourn is the lucky man his success will be the result of the plea that it is necessary to select a "compromise" candidate in order to "harmonize the party."

Board Audit and Finance.

The Board of Audit and Finance met in regular session yesterday at 3 P. M., the members in attendance being Messrs. C. W. Yates, H. C. McQueen and J. H. Webber. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. W. H. Chadbourn, Mr. H. C. McQueen was called to the chair.

Nine hundred and fifty coupons, aggregating $19,987.50 in value, which had been redeemed and cancelled, were burned by the Board.

Bills for current expenses were audited and approved to the amount of $2,971.13.

Their being no further business, the Board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

Will be Tried for Murder.

As stated elsewhere this morning the grand jury on yesterday presented a true bill against Giles Anderson, indicting him for murder. The deed was committed early Sunday morning, October 31st, in the vicinity of the office of the Carolina Cooperage Company, the victim being one Glezeynski, fireman on a British steamship then in port. The defendant has retained the services of C. P. Lockey, Esq., but it is not known yet what day the case will be tried.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such case steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

Ten Cakes Toilet Soap and a Floral Calendar for 25c at The C. W. Polvogt Co. Display in charge of Miss Ophelia Northam. †

New Carpets and Mattings have just been received by The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

New Kid Gloves just opened at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT.

Grand Jury Return a True Bill Against Giles Anderson for Murder—Trial of W. D. Hays.

The Criminal Court re-convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

The hearing of the case against W. C. Hays, colored, for abortion, begun on the previous evening, was resumed. After all the evidence had been heard, W. E. Henderson, Esq., addressed the jury for the defendant. He was followed by Geo. H. White, Esq., colored, who also spoke in behalf of the defendant. Court adjourned for dinner before the argument was concluded.

The Court met in afternoon session at 3 o'clock. Argument was resumed by defendant's counsel, after which C. P. Lockey, Esq., appeared for the State in a strong speech. The case was given to the jury at 5.15 o'clock. They had not been able to agree on a verdict up to a late hour last night.

The grand jury returned the following true bills: Willie Wilkins, larceny; Henry Perry, concealed weapons; Reuben Wiggins, larceny; Son Fisher, concealed weapons; Phillis Moore, assault and battery with deadly weapon; G. Miserable, larceny; Henry Wright, breaking into store house; Richard Herring, larceny; Lavinia Pruett, assault and battery with deadly weapon; Joseph Bradley, larceny; Geo. Williams, larceny; John Swindell, concealed weapons; Smith Donaldson, assault and battery with a deadly weapon; Wm. Lavinder, larceny; Jno. Sanders, larceny; Boston Spellman, assault and battery with deadly weapon; and not a true bill against Mollie Johnson and Silvia Johnson, larceny.

The grand jury also returned a true bill found against Giles Anderson, indicting him with murder.

The following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Eli Evans, concealed weapon. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Henry Perry, concealed weapon. Verdict of not guilty.

Court adjourned at 5.30 P. M., to meet again at 10 o'clock this morning.

SCHOONER IN DISTRESS.

Sadie C. Sumner from Demerara With Sugar Put in at Southport For a Harbor.

The schooner *Sadie C. Sumner*, Captain Sumner, bound with a cargo of 1,000 tons of sugar from Demerara to Delaware Breakwater for orders, put in at Southport yesterday morning in distress. Capt. Sumner came up to the city yesterday on the steamer *Wilmington* and told the story of the mishap.

On Dec. 26, the *Sumner* was off Cape Hatteras, scudding in a south-east gale of wind. A sudden and unexpected change of wind came, and in the Captain's words, it "came like a whirlwind." In thirty seconds time the good ship was minus a mainsal, foresail, fore-staysail, two booms and three gaffs. The foremast was also sprung. The vessel then bore up for the nearest port, putting up spare sails. Adverse winds were encountered, and it took the *Sumner* until yesterday—10 days—to make a port. She is at Southport and her master is communicating with her owners and the underwriters.

The vessel is reported to Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

CAPE FEAR LODGE NO. 2.

Officers Installed at the Meeting Held Last Night.

At a meeting of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., held last night D. D. G. M. J. T. King, assisted by M.W. Jacobi, W. W. Yopp, L. L. Boon and W. G. T. Keen, installed the following officers:

P. G.—A. H. Creasey.
N. G.—J. O. Powers.
V. G.—W. H. Badon.
Secretary—Jas. T. Riley.
Treasurer—Wm. Goodman.
W.—Alex. Boon.
C.—W. F. LeGwin.
R. S. to N. G.—W. W. Yopp.
L. S. to N. G.—A. C. Ezzell.
R. S. to V. G.—B. H. Scott.
L. S. to V. G.—C. E. Smith.
R. S. S.—Frank LaFella.
L. S. S.—A. W. Allen.
Chaplain—L. L. Boon.
I. G.—W. G. T. Keen.
O. G. W. M. Hayes.
Organist—J. W. Fleet.
Building Committee—R. J. Jones, Nathaniel Jacobi, Walker Taylor.
Widows and Orphans' Fund Committee—R. J. Jones, W. M. Hayes, Oscar Pearsall.
Finance Committee—Marcus W. Jacobi, L. L. Boon, A. H. Creasey.
General Relief Committee.—Walker Taylor.

Death of a Former Wilmingtonian.

News reached here yesterday announcing the death, in Chicago, on December 29th, of Mr. Raymond E. Branch, well known in this city. He was for several years connected with the Atlantic Coast Line, with which company he held several positions of trust, including that of ticket agent.

About four years ago he went West, and up to the time of his death held a responsible position with a widely known mercantile agency. He died at the age of 37 years. There are many people in Wilmington who knew Mr. Branch well, and will sincerely regret to hear of his death. He was a brother of Mr. R. B. Branch, formerly of this city, but now the publisher of the Red Springs *Citizen*.

Beautiful Floral Calendar given away by Miss Ophelia Northam at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

NATHANIEL MACON.

Relics of Almost Priceless Value Found in Effects of the Late Mrs. V. A. Sanders.

As was stated in the obituary notice of the late Mrs. V. A. Sanders, mother of Mr. S. W. Sanders, she was the great-grand-daughter of the eminent statesman, Nathaniel Macon. Among the effects of this esteemed lady there has been found some of the personal property of Nathaniel Macon—relics of almost priceless value. They are in the possession of Mr. S. W. Sanders.

One of these rare articles is a cut glass wine decanter, which without doubt, graced the dining table of the great revolutionary character. It is unusually heavy, is octagon shaped, and has an octagon shaped stopper. A toddy-spoon and a table-spoon are articles of General Macon's silverware which have passed down to his descendants to be highly treasured for the greatness of their owner. But more interesting than either of these, is an old and cracked water dipper, with bowl made of a cocoanut shell, mounted in pure silver, and with a long slender handle.

The newspaper, now old and yellow, and placed in a frame between glass to preserve it, is the Ulster county *Gazette*, published at Kingston, N. Y., by Samuel Freer and Son, January 4, 1800. It is 24x18 inches in diameter, with four pages. The first page contains, in the quaint type of the old days, an address of the President, John Adams, to Congress; address of the Senate to the President; and several letters containing European news. The second and third pages are marked with heavy black columns, out of grief at the death of George Washington, who had died on the 14th of December previous. On the second page there are extracts from a letter from the Archduke Charles, and minutes of the House of Representatives for Thursday, December 19, 1799, giving the eloquent and tender speech of Representative Marshall in submitting resolutions on General Washington's death.

An elaborate account of the funeral appears on the third page. The fourth page is given up entirely to advertisements, many of which are "sheriff's sales" over the name of Peter Ten Broeck, Sheriff. One striking advertisement announces the sale of a saw mill and also a stout, healthy, active negro wench. In fact, there are many things about this old paper that make it a very valuable relic.

ORDER OF HEPTASOPHS.

Public Installation of Officers of Oriental and Jewell Conclaves—Interesting Exercises.

The public installation of officers last night by the two lodges of Heptasophs was an occasion to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend. The Seven Wise Men have acquired a reputation for doing things in a thorough going way, and the entertainment last night measured up to the excellent standard of former occasions of the same kind. The hall was thronged with members of the order and their families.

The installing officers were Supreme Inspector General K. W. Jewell and Deputy Grand Inspector General S. B. Northrop. Officers were installed as follows:

ORIENTAL CONCLAVE NO. 1.

W. C.—T. C. Bray.
E. A.—Rev. J. W. Kramer.
W. P.—W. E. Yopp.
I. G.—B. B. Brown.
P.—T. J. Wilson.
R. S.—K. W. Jewell.
H.—J. H. Holton.
W.—W. J. Harriss.
S.—Geo. T. Grotgen.

JEWELL CONCLAVE NO. 3.

W. C.—H. G. Saunders.
E. A.—S. B. Northrop.
W. P.—J. S. Sneeden.
I. G.—C. W. Suggs.
R. S.—A. H. Morriss.
F. S.—J. M. Branch.
Treasurer.—G. Hart.
P.—E. R. Ellis.
Herald.—J. E. Smith.
W.—H. Berkonhagen.
S.—A. Boswell.

The programme rendered was a most interesting one. It embraced in addition to the installation prayer by both the retiring prelate, Mr. W. E. Yopp, and the prelate elect, Mr. T. J. Wilson, a pleasant address of welcome by Mr. A. H. Morriss, several piano solos by Miss Mamie Canady, one vocal solo and three vocal and instrumental solos by Misses Minnie and Lucy Furguson, address on the principles of the order by Rev. J. W. Kramer, vocal solo by Master William Leon Jewell, and one or two numbers well executed by that popular Heptasoph, Mr. K. W. Jewell. The sham initiation was also a part of the programme and a very amusing part. Abundant refreshments were served.

Presentation of Medal.

Private Hall J. Whitney, of the Wilmington Light Infantry, was presented last night with the medal offered by Capt. Donald MacRae to the private having the best attendance record for the year 1897. The presentation speech was made by Col. Jno. L. Cantwell in a few well chosen remarks. Private Jno. H. Gore, Jr., in behalf of private Whitney, made the speech of acceptance. Capt. MacRae, after thanking the members for their support during the year, dismissed the company amid cheers for Col. Cantwell, Capt. MacRae and Private Whitney.

It Floats! Fairy Soap. Beautiful Calendar given away by Miss Ophelia Northam, who has charge of the Soap Display at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. H. Britton, of Spout Springs, is here.

— Mr. A. B. Nichols, of Nichols, S. C., is in the city.

— Mr. R. B. Nixon, of Newbern, was registered here yesterday.

— Eyota Tribe of Red Men will raise up their chiefs to-night.

— Mr. B. F. Lee, of Smithfield, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. E. W. Thompson, of Raleigh, was among yesterday's visitors.

— Miss Mary Harper returned to the Greensboro Female College yesterday.

— Miss Louise Bradford, of Southport, has returned to Georgetown University.

— Mr. Jas. H. Taylor has returned from a visit to relatives at Fayetteville.

— Mr. Robert N. Harriss left Monday returning to the A. & M. College at Raleigh.

— Col. E. L. Faison, of Sampson county, was among yesterday's registrations at The Orton.

— Mr. Junius Davis, Jr., returned to Raleigh yesterday, where he is attending the A. & M. College.

— Mr. T. Q. Hall, one of the STAR's numerous friends at Wallace, was a caller at this office yesterday.

— Miss Mabel A. Powers left yesterday for Raleigh, where she will resume her studies at St. Mary's School.

— Messrs. C. H. Kelly and O. O. Eidson, of Elkin, are in the city, returning from a hunting tour on New River.

— Mr. H. T. Ham, a prominent merchant of Mount Olive, was in the city interviewing our business men yesterday.

— The many Wilmington friends of Mr. D. C. ("Cam.") Waddell, of Greensboro, will be glad to hear that he reached here last evening.

— Miss Octavia Boatwright returned to the State N. and I. College at Greensboro yesterday after spending the holidays with her parents.

— Among yesterday's arrivals were: M. R. Dowling and Daniel Tyler, Fair Bluff; Don Richardson, Whiteville; M. M. McKinnon, Red Springs.

— A telegram received here yesterday announced an improvement in the condition of Mr. T. C. Craft, Jr., who is seriously sick with appendicitis in Baltimore.

— Mr. Ed. McKoy returned to New York city yesterday afternoon, where he is now located. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary L. McKoy, who goes North to finish her art studies.

— Mrs. T. W. Mewborne and child, of Kinston, N. C., accompanied by her brother, Mr. Chas. E. Loope, of Chicago, are visiting relatives in this city, stopping at Mr. T. W. Presson's, 307 South Third street.

— Mr. Alex. Sessoms, of Hope Mills, was in the city yesterday, and called to renew his subscription to the DAILY STAR to which he has been a subscriber, without a day's intermission, for twenty-three years. But Mr. Sessoms is not an old man by any means.

— We are glad to learn that Master Louiis Rowell who had his leg injured Sunday while sliding the brass pole at H. and L. House No. 1, was getting along nicely yesterday, and with aid of crutches will be able to be out in a few days.

— Mr. W. Edwin Peregoy, of Baltimore, President of the Chesapeake Lumber Company, is in the city on his way to Hub, Newbern, and other saw mill points. He was formerly located here as the President of the Peregoy Lumber Company.

THE MERRYMAKERS.

A Pleasing Play Presented at the Opera House Last Night.

Frank B. Rhodes' Merrymakers presented last night, a three-act comedy, "The Factory Girl," a play somewhat stronger than the one presented the previous night.

The comedy line was in the hands of Mr. Nat Leffingrosee, as *Stephen Plum*, and Mr. Dan Castello, as *Toby Twinkle*. A gay pair they are, and the fun-making kept a-going.

Miss Lyleve Radcliffe, as *Martha Gibbs*, "The Factory Girl," the simple sacrificing maiden, seemed to put the right conception on the character she portrayed. The support was very good, each one filling the roles assigned them. The specialties introduced were in perfect accord with the rest of the performance, each one being compelled to respond to encores.

This afternoon at 2.30 o'clock this company will present a grand family matinee, introducing new specialties, which will conclude with "A Hot Reception." Admission, 20 cents; children, 10 cents.

To-night a grand production of "Humpty Dumpty," Mr. Frank B. Rhodes in the character, with all the scenery, music and costumes. Curtain raiser, "A Game of Cards." Admission, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Small Fire Yesterday.

A small fire was located yesterday about noon in the roof of a small house on the corner of Eighth and Campbell streets, owned by John Taylor. The alarm was sent in from box 19, but only the bell at the Fourth street market rang. The only company to turn out was Hose Company No. 3. The fire was quickly extinguished and the damage was nominal.

New Spring Embroideries are now open at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE.

Meeting of the Manufacturers' Committee Held Yesterday.

The Manufacturers' Committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the office of George R. French & Sons. This committee was appointed by an act of the Legislature in 1892, but it has been some time since they have had regular meetings. The original members were James H. Chadbourn, Sr., L. Vollers (deceased), D. G. Worth (deceased), W. A. French and Clayton Giles.

The meeting yesterday afternoon was called to order by the chairman, Mr. J. H. Chadbourn, Jr., and Mr. W. A. French acted as secretary. Col. F. W. Kerchner and Mr. W. E. Worth were chosen to fill the vacancies.

No further important business was transacted, but plans were discussed looking to the active co-operation of the committee with the Chamber of Commerce and the Produce Exchange, and the city and county government, in securing inducements for manufacturing concerns. Every one interested in the welfare of the city hopes that the committee will be abundantly successful.

THE SINGIN SKULE.

An Amusing Entertainment Last Night at the Y. M. C. A.

There was fun a plenty at the Y. M. C. A. last night. The expectations of those who, judging from the advance notices had made up their minds that something really amusing was going to be witnessed, were fully realized. Messrs. Bertram and Willard in the characters of Mrs. Priscilla Bobbins and Mr. Jedediah Bobbins were exceedingly funny. The local talent that was employed was as follows:

Mrs. B. Quelch, Misses Tilla Schulken, Nellie Platt, Nora Scott, Annie Platt, Annie Taylor, Lilly Bell McLaurin, Henry Shepard, Blanche Chadwick, Mary Smith, Lilly Ward, Sallie McRee, Amy Merritt, Fanny Corbett; Messrs. R. H. Merritt, Walter McIntire, N. R. McGeachy, Dozier Latta, C. H. Schulken, Jr., Albert Dosher, Jas. Sinclair, Thos. C. Diggs, H. K. Holden, B. Quelch.

Suit Against the "Merry Makers."

Before Justice Jno. J. Fowler yesterday afternoon a suit was brought against the "Merry Makers," the opera troupe playing a week's engagement here, by Charles Townsend, author, to enforce a claim of alleged debt for the use of three plays written by him, namely "The Doctor," "Finegan's Fortune" and "Golden Gulch." Marsden Bellamy, Esq., appeared for the defendant, and Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., and Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., represented the plaintiff. The suit was dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff.

F. I. L. I. Midwinter Fair.

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry will have a Midwinter Fair, to be known as the "Meeting of the Nations," on January 26, 27 and 28. A committee from the company is acting jointly with a committee of ladies in working out the details of the entertainment. The proceeds will go to the "Uniform Fund" of the company. That the entertainment will be liberally patronized may be expected, as the F. I. L. I. has a warm place in the hearts of the Fayetteville people.

Before Justice R. H. Bunting.

Bryan Nixon, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, was discharged for want of evidence.

Sam Levingston, colored, charged with secret assault with a a pistol on A. H. Lamb, colored, December 31st, waived examination and was required to give bond in the sum of $100 for his appearance at the present term of the Criminal Court. In default of bond he was committed to jail.

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[*Durham Sun.*]

The Wilmington STAR, the oldest daily in the State, and one of our most esteemed exchanges, greeted its readers on New Year's day in a new dress of handsome type from head to foot. It was a gratifying surprise to its patrons. Brother Bernard has been in continuous service as editor of the STAR for more than thirty years and is the oldest member of the profession in this State. We wish him long life and continued prosperity to his "bright particular STAR," and may it grow brighter as the years roll by.

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I. B. RHODES.
Front Street Market.
de 22 tf

PUBLISHERS ANNUNCEMENT.

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THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 5

THE GOLD RESERVE.

The "gold reserve" in this country is the invention of John Sherman, who struck out on his own hook and determined to have a gold reserve, simply because they had something of that kind on the other side of the waters, where some of the Governments which always have an eye to contingencies hoard gold. Mr. Sherman didn't have any authority to establish a gold reserve but he concluded he would do it, and as no one interfered with him he went on and did it. When he did he laid the foundation of a great deal of the financial racket this country has gone through since.

Mr. Sherman had never figured previously to that as a "great financier," but he got to hobnobbing with European financiers, caught on to some of their methods and became "great"—at the expense of his country. He is now the so-called "great financier" of the Republican party, his greatness (as far as the average person of intelligence can see) consisting in having shown a marvellous capacity to get on all sides of the money question, to be a greenback man, a silver man, a gold man, each separately and all combined. That's how he learned what he knows about finances. He also showed the remarkable ability to accumulate a very handsome fortune out of the moderate salary of a Senator and to live in fine style while doing it. No man without peculiar talents for manipulating and corralling dollars could have done that as successfully as he did it and nobody find out exactly how he did it.

His crowning feat of financiering, however, was the establishment of the gold reserve in imitation of the way they do things in some other lands. But when he did that he simply established an agency for the collection of gold for the convenience of gold grabbers, when the time came that there would be a chance to make a profit by grabbing. But he did another thing; he devised a scheme for drawing millions out of circulation and locking it up in the Treasury, to be looked at by the privileged few and no more. He devised a scheme not only to lock up millions of gold, but also to lock up millions of greenbacks, which are cornered and hoarded for the purpose of drawing gold from the Treasury when it is wanted for the purpose of speculation. There is about $160,000,000 of gold locked up in the Treasury now. This means that there is a corresponding amount of greenbacks locked up in the vaults of the gold speculators, where they will be handy to draw gold from the Treasury if there be any inducement to draw it. If the reserve were $200,000,000 it would mean the locking up of $200,000,000 of greenbacks, for every gold dollar in the reserve fund of the Treasury will have its greenback dollar somewhere within reach to be utilized if the drawing process should begin. In discussing this reserve the Nashville *American* chats sense in the following:

Speaking of the climbing gold reserve, the Boston Herald says:

"The larger the better. To our thinking it cannot be raised too high, and we sincerely trust that after the settlements for the Union Pacific foreclosure sale are completed, Mr. Gage will change his course, and bend his efforts to the establishment of a reserve of $200,000,000 in round figures."

To our way of thinking, the happy tide in the affairs of American finance will be reached when there is no longer a government gold reserve. There was never a gold reserve in the history of the nation until 1879, and none of the European countries finds it necessary to keep one. France has more legal tender silver currency than the United States, and there is a large paper circulation in that country, but no government gold reserve.

"The gold reserve hoards money that might be used for private enterprises and furnishes a means to speculators to shake confidence in national finances at their will. The greater the gold reserve the greater the confidence. That is why the Boston *Herald* thinks it can't be too high. But the fact that it is there, a changing and uncertain barometer of national finances to which the country has become accustomed to look with a great deal of solicitude, argues that it were better if it didn't exist. Confidence would cease to quaver if the gold reserve were abolished.

"The gold reserve is necessitated solely for the perpetual redemption of greenbacks. The silver money is kept at a parity with gold by the government's acceptance of it for all dues on that basis. There are nearly $400,000,000 of interest-bearing bonds outstanding that have been issued to provide for and maintain the gold reserve. It has cost the country an average of $21,000,000 a year since it has been in existence and there is no assurance that it will not continue to pile up bonded debts in the future.

"The present size of the gold reserve is over $160,000,000. It has increased $4,442,352 during the present month. The total increase for the year has been $19,476,726. That is a very happy condition as long as national finances are arranged on the present hodge-podge and unsatisfactory condition. It insures the soundness of the currency and indicates a fair degree of confidence in its remaining sound. But this happy condition has come largely of the fact that the balance of trade has been in our favor this year; high-priced wheat has brought much gold into the country. Should that condition change, gold exports would set in again, the reserve would sink, and confidence would sink with it.

"The gold reserve has been much higher at times in the past than it is now. The maximum record was made in April, 1888, when it reached $218,819,253. It was very high through 1889 and 1890, and continued fairly good until 1892. It was in 1890 that the law was passed which added largely to the demand notes against the Government, and the effect of the increase was felt in the panic of 1893. From 1892 until 1897 was the period of great depression when the gold reserve was constantly sinking and bonds were several times issued to replenish it. Who can say that while the greenbacks are still outstanding this unhappy state of affairs may not return?"

When the resumption act was passed it was the intention of Congress to redeem the Government notes in coin, if the holders of these notes preferred coin; there never was the faintest suggestion made that they were to be redeemed in gold, and why it was that John Sherman was not called to taw when he issued and sold bonds to get gold to put into his "coin" reserve is one of the things which has never been explained. Possibly Congress at that time thought this was simply a little bit of harmless display that the Secretary was making to show European Governments that we, as well as they, could have some gold to show people. It was probably thought that the law was explicit enough to leave no doubt as to its meaning, and that there was no danger of the word "coin" being interpreted to mean gold, but to make doubly sure of this a resolution was passed by Congress defining what "coin" meant and declaring that this country could pay all its obligations, of any description then outstanding, in lawful standard silver dollars. That settled it. That resolution, which had the full power of law or of a bill passed by Congress and duly signed, is still on the statute books, but is ignored by the Treasury and has been ever since the Treasury drew a distinction between the gold dollar and the silver dollar, and gave the note holders the privilege of grabbing gold. Since that time, seven years ago, Mr. Sherman's gold reserve device has been an unmitigated nuisance.

MINOR MENTION.

Statistics show that the average of human life in some of the European countries and in this country is becoming longer, but the remarkable discovery has been made that as a life-elongater the pension system of this country shows marvellous power, as will be seen by the following, which we clip from the Philadelphia *Times:*

"One of the curious facts about the pension list is that a disabled veteran, when granted a pension, is assured of a much longer term of life than can be expected by the average healthy man of corresponding age. It appears that the average rate of mortality among invalid pensioners is only 14 in 1,000, while the experience of insurance companies shows that the death rate among insurable risks at the same period of life is something over 31 in 1,000.

"There evidently is a large class of our pensioners of whom it may be said that few die and none resign. The patriotic citizen must feel proud to know how a grateful country not only prolongs the lives of these suffering invalids but even enables them to increase in numbers as the years roll by.

"We are constantly told in funeral orations and by personal observation how the ranks of the old soldiers are diminished by death, but the Pension Office does not hear of it. The pensioners may die, but it would appear that their pensions live after them."

If this be the effect of pensions why wouldn't it be a good idea to give us all the benefit of it and put the whole adult population on the pension rolls? Or why wouldn't it be a good idea for the insurance companies to go into cohoots with the Government and contrive to get their policy holders on the pension rolls? All of them may not have been in the army, but some of their families may have been and having been in the army doesn't seem to be an absolute requisite for getting on the pension rolls.

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In the organization of both houses of the Ohio Legislature by the anti-Hanna combine, consisting of the Democrats, and ten anti-Hanna Republicans, they drew the first blood in the Senatorial campaign which is now on. If Hanna's friends had succeeded in organizing they would have had most of the State patronage which they would have turned to account, which his opponents will, of course, do. This makes Hanna dependent for the votes he may need upon his own resources, and the patronage he will be able to control from Washington, neither of which should be despised factors in the contest. It is the battle of Hanna's life, he has everything to gain by winning, and everything to lose by defeat. Both his political prestige and his potential personality are at stake, for defeat means practically relegation to private life and again becoming simply Mr. Hanna, the iron manufacturer, to whom few will pay court. He has been in the swim long enough to get a taste of power and to learn to like it, and to go down now would be worse than to have failed in carrying McKinley through. That he is not going to fail, if there be a possibilty of succeeding goes without saying, for Hanna is a man of resources, of indomitable energy, and unscrupulous as to the agencies he employs, from a Pinkerton detective to a dive boss, or the means he uses. The man who would carry debauchery and corruption to the extent he did in the Presidential election, would scruple at nothing to carry himself through in the ambition of his life. If he needs only three votes it is to be feared that his pole will be long enough to reach the persimmons.

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Japan is not making quite as much of a show as some of the other nations interested in the Eastern land-grabbing question, but she is attracting a good deal of attention all the same, and there is a good deal coquettiug going on with her. At first it was reported that there was a British-Japanese alliance, then a Chinese-Japanese alliance, and latest, but probably not the last, a Russian-Japanese alliance, all of which shows that Japan is in demand, and that the powers interested appreciate her value as an ally. Her proximity to the field of action gives her decided advantages in making deals with the other grabbers, while her hustling qualities, resourcefulness and pluck are fully recognized. An alliance with Japan couldn't save China from the vultures although it would make the devouring a much more difficult feat, and an alliance of that kind could not be effected without China conceding everything Japan demanded and practically making her mistress, but to either Great Britain, Russia or Germany an alliance with such an agressive, dashing fighter as Japan would be a grand stroke. Japan understands the situation and will doubtless make the most it.

BOOK NOTICES.

The January number of *Godey's Magazine* is handsomely illustrated, and presents a very interesting list of contents. While it will interest the general reader the ladies will find much in it to interest them especially. Published by The Godey Company, 52 Lafayette Place, New York.

The reader will enjoy *McClure's Magazine* for January, which presents a full and varied list of contents, handsomely illustrated. This is one of the up-to-date magazines that is always interesting. Published by the S. S. McClure Company, 141-155 East Twenty-fifth street, New York.

The Outlook (weekly) for January 1st presents an interesting list of contents, embracing, with others, an entertaining paper entitled "James Russell Lowell and His Friends" and another on "The Swiss Manual Training School." Address The Outlook, Clinton Hall, 13 Astor Place, New York.

The *Review of Reviews* starts the new year with a capital list of contents, every bit of which the reader will enjoy. One of the departments, "The Progress of the World," is a magazine in itself, while "Current Events," is a valuable chronicle of every day doings worth recording, and by way of variety the reader will be amused with "Current History in Caricature," and both entertained and instructed by other papers. Address Review of Reviews, 13 Astor Place, New York.

TWINKLINGS.

— An island, according to annexation geography, is a portion of land entirely surrounded by a sea of trouble.

— Timkins—"Isn't Lightley an anglomaniac?"

Simpkins—"No; just a plain, every-day American lunatic."

— "Shameful about those two Kentucky girls quarrelling over that battleship."

"Yes, they act as if it was a man."—*Chicago Record.*

— "I know a man who can tell the time to a second without looking at a clock."

"How does he do it?"

"He looks at his watch."

—Timkins—"There goes a woman with a history."

Simkins—"Yes, I know; she was in my office yesterday trying to sell me a copy on the installment plan."

— "How would you define a patriot?"

"I should say a patriot is a man who takes an interest in his country's welfare, even the morning after his party has been snowed under."—*Puck.*

— Hardened to Uproar—"There is one good thing about Wagner opera."

"What is it?"

"People who come in late don't disturb the audience."

— Harry—"I don't want you to wash my face."

"Grandmothe—"Why, I've washed my face three times a day ever since I was a little girl."

Harry—"Yes, and just see how it's shrunk."—*Tit-Bits.*

— "You're late, young man. What's the reason?"

"Had a toothache?"

"Ah! has the tooth stopped aching?"

"Dunno."

"What? Don't know! Why don't you know?"

"'Cause it's pulled."—*Life.*

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SHE DID NOT KNOW IT.

BUT, ALAS, MANY OF THOSE ABOUT HER DID.

A Graphic Story Which Shows How Seldom Women Realize Their True Condition.

In a large silk mill where the looms were thrumming, and all was noise and bustle a woman, skilled in manufacturing and dyeing delicate silks was toiling. She looked tired and dejected.

Her cheeks were sunken, and there were dark lines beneath her eyes. You could easily detect the peculiar sallow look which comes upon the faces of all women at certain periods. Occasionally her face, which was usually bright and attractive, would be clouded by pain just as the sunlight is sometimes shut off by passing clouds. It was easy to see she was not happy.

And yet she worked, struggling along when she should have been at home, and possibly in bed. Poor little woman! How brave she was in her suffering, and how faithful. And yet, during all that time, she was unconsciously bringing disaster to her employer. Every moment of that day, while she was so bravely struggling, the exhalations from her body were ruining the delicate colors of the silk upon which she was working.

Alas, she did not know it! But when the choice silks came upon the market and it was found that the colorings were ruined, an investigation was made and the poor little woman was discharged.

For what?

Simply because the sickness, which comes to every woman at certain times, had, unknown, imperceptibly, colored the gossamer silks over which she was toiling.

This is a sad story, but it is absolutely true. It happened in Newark, N. J., and furnishes a very valuable lesson. It shows that women, however careful they may be, are often unknown to themselves, exerting an influence, not only upon the person, but also upon the things about them which is by no means agreeable. It is unfortunate that such should be the case, but it is none the less true.

And yet, fortunately, it is a fact, proven beyond the shadow of a doubt, that women of the present day can, by availing themselves of the latest and best discoveries of science, almost wholly overcome the ill-effects of the periodic sickness. It is true there has never been but one discovery for accomplishing this desirable end, but that one has proven to be so pure, so scientific, and so efficient, that it is being used almost universally. Here is what Mrs. Randolph Howell of Washington, says upon this most important subject:

"I have often in the past found it impossible to attend receptions and other social functions, owing to a temporary state of illness, but of late years I have been enabled to entirely banish all painful effects to myself and possible unpleasantness to others by the use of a discovery which I believe, to be a boon to womankind—Warner's Safe Cure. I have been so wonderfully helped by the painless powers of this remedy—which has seemed like a friend in need—that I have urged its use upon nearly all of my lady acquaintances."

Women should not suffer, need not suffer, need not be unpleasing to those about them, if they will only use proper care and the best inventions of science for their help. There is every reason why they should be both healthy and happy; there is no reason why they should be even temporarily indisposed. Modern science and invention have rendered all this needless. Thousands of women have learned this, and can cheerfully testify to the happy condition they have been in since they learned what to do.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— When one family in every fourteen in the United States is drawing a Government pension paid by the labor of the rest it is time for the rest to know whom they are supporting. Publish the pension rolls.—*New York World, Dem.*

— That actor who got six months for striking his wife is being given such a run by the yellow journals that it is to be feared wife-beating may be resorted to as a far more effective method of advertising than diamonds, fires, or even expulsions from balls.—*Louisville Courier Jounal, Dem.*

— When a commercial concern fails these days the goldbug press. note it as an evidence of prosperity, because it "clarifies the atmosphere. and when wages are reduced it is noted as an evidence of that caution in business which attends the genuine McKinley prosperity.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

— The anti-pelagic sealing act is now law, and of force. Hereafter there must be no importation of sealskins into the United States, under severe penalities. One more avenue of profitable business has been opened to the shrewd smuggler. Canadians have been, and are, largely engaged in the sealing industry, and there is quite a long line of unprotected frontier between Canada and the United States. Smuggling is one industry which has unquestionably received a powerful impetus at the hands of the McKinley administration.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

Good Cheer and Forgiveness.

Aside from the chants and carols of religious character there was nothing that appealed more strongly to our "rude forefathers" than songs in praise of wine and the vine. They knew little of Bacchus perhaps, but of the power of strong drink they were not ignorant. The word temperance in its modern signification did not exist, and as they stood about the festal board at New Year's, forgiving their enemies and swearing renewed allegiance to their friends, they lifted the foaming beakers and sang in strong, lusty voices:

Wassail, wassail, over the town!
Our toast it is white; our ale it is brown;
Our bowl it is made of a maplin tree.
We be good fellows all—I drink to thee

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CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Raleigh *Post:* Secretary of State Thompson yesterday received a letter from Ashe county addressed to Hon. Will White. Mr. White was Secretary of State from 1778 to 1811. The writer said in his letter: "Please send me a copy of all the grants made to New River. Date of one grant 1827. Others are not known. Send them as hurriedly as you can."

— Durham *Sun:* Information upon what is regarded as reliable authority, of an unfortunate death that occurred near Hillsboro Friday night last. The particulars, as near as we can gather them, are that Walter Reives, well known in horse trading circles, was in Hillsboro with a wagon and team, and in the afternoon he started this way and came about three miles. It is not known exactly how it occurred, but Saturday morning his team was found tangled up in the woods, and some distance, between his team and Hillsboro, he was found on the side of the road, dead. His body was stiff and the general belief is that he froze to death.

— Goldsboro *Argus:* The fattening of cattle is getting to be quite an industry in this section. Messrs. E. B. and F. K. Bordon have something over 400 getting ready for market.

The negro John Smith, who was serving a term in our county jail for shooting another colored man at Mt. Olive some months ago, made his escape from prison last Sunday night—or rather was liberated some time during the night by confederates on the outside. An entrance was made through a broken window and his cell door prized open with heavy scantling. Who his outside confederates are is as yet unknown. Smith had eight months yet to serve in prison.

— Charlotte *News:* Fire was discovered yesterday morning about nine o'clock in the dye house of the McAdensville mills, located at McAdenville, about 20 miles from Charlotte. The building, and most of its contents were completely destroyed. The fire originated in the boiler room, and in a few minutes was communicated to the dye room. In this room there was at least 50,000 pounds of yarns in warps and hanks. Most of this was so badly damaged that it will be of little value. The loss which will amount to nearly $15,000 was fully covered by insurance.——One of the most unusual accidents that has ever taken place in Charlotte, occurred on South College street, in the Colored settlement last night between seven and eight o'clock.

The family of Ed. Rosenborough (colored) were seated around the fire. A fresh stick of wood was thrown on, and there was an immediate explosion that shook the whole house like an earthquake, whole a broadside of bullets poured from the fireplace. The mother and four children were seated around the fire and when the list of the wounded was made up it was found that the five were wounded. Roseborough's wife was shot in the neck and thigh; a 7-year-old child was shot in the stomach; another was shot simultaneously in both shoulders; and the fourth one had his hand torn almost off and was shot in the mouth. They are all seriously wounded, and the bullets or slugs have not yet been located. Roseborough was out of the house at the time. He thinks there must have been as many as thirty-two bullets in the stick of wood. He says he bought the wood at Taylor's woodyard.

SPARROWS ARE SHREWD.

A Lot of Them Proved It In Releasing a Mate.

The English sparrow is perhaps the shrewdest bird going and rarely ever gets caught in a scrape. I saw one literally in a tight place, though, and but for the shrewdness of his friends he would doubtless be there now, or worse. A careless colored cook of the house adjoining mine had spilled some raw rice, perhaps a quart or more, in the back yard of the neighbor's premises. In order to hide her carelessness from her mistress and so to save herself the trouble of picking up the rice, the resourceful cook simply turned an empty box over the little pile, thus putting it out of sight, and went her way rejoicing.

Presently a bevy of sparrows chanced that way and took possession of my neighbor's back yard. Ere long an adventurous one of the number discovered a convenient knothole in the overturned box, poked his inquisitive little head therein and forthwith spread the news of the rice find. Then things were pretty lively thereabout. First one and then another of the birds would pop down through the hole, to bob up a few moments later with his crop full of rice. They were all mighty gay over the matter and most of them made two or three trips inside before they were satisfied.

By and by something seemed to have gone wrong. The birds fluttered and chirped and chattered in an agitated manner, crowding upon and about the box so thickly that it was some time before I could see that one little brown head kept bobbing up frantically through the knothole from the underside and getting no farther. Some greedy little fellow had laid in an overamply, and so made himself too big for an exit through the hole.

The case really seemed a pitiful one, as nothing but time and the slow process of nature could relieve the poor prisoner of his predicament. At least that is what I thought, and I marveled that so clever a creature as a sparrow should get himself into a hole. Meantime I had forgotten to reckon upon the ingenuity of the birds on the outside of the hole. They lost no time in bringing this qualification in evidence, however, for pretty soon I discovered that they had set to work to dig the little prisoner out. Having selected the most vulnerable spot of the surrounding ground, first one and then another of the birds would scratch and peck away, each one taking his turn and working energetically till by and by a hole was made big enough for even the overlonded fellow on the inside to creep through.—Philadelphia Times.

Taking All the Curls.

"I am glad you like my new watch charm, Miss Laura. It is a pretty ornament. I think, though, it needs something to make it complete. May I ask you for a lock of your lovely hair?"

"Certainly, Mr. Ferguson. You can have all you want, but—but—doesn't it seem a pity to mar the symmetry of these curls by cutting one off?"

"It does," responded George, with quick and eager comprehension. "I wouldn't do anything for worlds to destroy their perfect symmetry. I'll take them all."

And the youth ornamented the vicinity of his watch pocket with the entire head for a long, long time.—Pearson's Weekly.

The atlas moth, a night flying insect of central Brazil, is the largest winged insect in the world. Its wings extend 14 inches from tip to tip.

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American Archæological Work In Greece.

Another peculiarity of this theater (at Thorikos) was found to be the entire absence of a stage. Beyond a straight wall, which rises 16 feet from the lower slope of the hill and retains the leveled mass of earth forming the platform of the orchestra in front of the sloping tiers of seats, there is absolutely no trace of any structure answering to the stage observable in other Greek theaters. This peculiarity seems to confirm Professor Dorpfeld's theory that prior to the time of Lycurgus, the orator (circ. 340 B. C.), there existed no stage, but that the orchestra was a complete circle, on which theatrical representations, more in the nature of choruses and rough performances of buffoons, were held. The old tradition must have survived in rural and poor communities, where the conventional niceties of the Greek drama were not observed, but both choruses and actors performed on the floor of the orchestra. In the Thorikos structure, therefore, we have an example—the only one so far discovered—of a primitive theater, in its transition from a still earlier state, when the spectators assembled on the bare slope of a hillside to look down upon the performances and dances carried on on a level piece of ground in front of them.—J. Gennadius in Forum.

On the Last Lap.

The old gentleman—he wasn't so very old, either, since he was the mile champion less than 20 years ago—was somewhat surprised to see his daughter sitting on young Mr. Wobblesome's lap. The young people were surprised too. The old man was the first to recover his equanimity, and as his daughter found her feet he remarked:

"Ah, Lucy, I see your race for a husband is nearly over?"

"What makes you say that, papa?" asked the girl, blushing painfully.

"You seemed to be on the last lap."

Notice of the wedding followed.—Wheel.

Counsel and Queen's Counsel.

The difference between a counsel and queen's counsel—or, in the event of a king being on the throne, a king's counsel—is that the latter is supposed to be able to appear as the sovereign's advocate. Both are entitled to wear wig and gown, but the gown of the latter is silk, and the former is of "stuff." The queen's counsel can take only what is termed "leading business."

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Wholesale Prices Current.

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☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7⅛
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½@		12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	20
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	15	@	16
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ barrel	16 00	@	19 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 35	@	5 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½@		8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store	31½@		35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾@		2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½@		6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 25	@	9 50
Rump		@	8 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5⅛
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4⅝
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½@		4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market dull at 30½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 30½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, $1.90 for Dip and $1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady, 25@24½c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar quiet, $1.00; crude turpentine dull, $1.40, $1.90, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	68
Rosin	427
Tar	157
Crude Turpentine	8

Receipts same day last year.—57 casks spirits turpentine, 62 bbls rosin, 106 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 5 7-16c. per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3	cts.	℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4 6-15	"	"
Low Middling	5	"	"
Middling	5 7-15	"	"
Good Middling	5 11-16	"	"

Same day last year, middling 6⅜c.

Receipts—1,024 bales; same day last year, 201.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; nams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at $8.00 to $8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 4.—Money on call firm at 3½@4 per cent., last loan at 3½ per cent. and closed at 3½@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.84½ for demand and 4.82½@4.82¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 4.83 and 4.85@4.86. Commercial bills at 4.81½. Silver certificates 56½@58. Bar silver 56¾. Mexican dollars 46. Government bonds strong; U. S. new 4's, registered, 128; U. S. new 4's, coupon, 128; U. S. 4's 112½; U. S. 4's, coupon, 113¼; U. S. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 114½; U. S. 5's, coupon, 114½. State bonds firm; North Carolina 6's 120; North Carolina 4's 101.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 3.—Rosin quiet; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine quiet at 33½@33¾c.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30¼c; sales 385 bales; receipts 304 bales. Rosin firm; sales — bales; receipts 7,408 barrels; quotations unchanged.

CHARLESTON, January 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30¼c; no sales. Rosin firm; quotations unchanged; no sales.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 5.—The New York market opened disappointingly after closing with the English cotton market since Friday. There was an absence of the broadening speculation that some claimed would appear with the opening of the new year. The first call developed a decline of 1 to 2 points on most positions and later business increased the decline to 1 and 3 points. The hopes for speculative competition failed to mater

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The Ceremony Before the Queen at Which They Get Their Titles.

Her majesty being now ready to receive us, we were ushered into her presence one at a time. My turn was the twelfth; hence one of my friends has dubbed me the Twelfth Knight. The equerry took me to the door of the apartment and then left me. It was a lofty room, but not very large, being perhaps 40 feet long and of a corresponding width. The queen was seated on a very low seat at the end of the apartment opposite the door. Behind her the ladies in waiting were arranged in a semicircle, some of the princesses being on her left, and the lords in waiting and the Duke of York on her right hand.

On entering I gave my "best bow," and, advancing a few steps, stopped and bowed again, when I was introduced to her majesty, my name being pronounced wrongly, another bow on closely approaching her, and then, dropping on my left knee, I extended the right hand, back uppermost, for the queen has a great objection to moist palms. The queen then laid her right hand—a very little plump one—upon mine, and I kissed it.

Then she took a sword—dreadful moment—and smote me, ever so gently, on my left shoulder, saying in very low, sweet and soft tones, "Rise, sir Richard." And I became a "dubbed" knight, but not a "belt" one, as nowadays knights have to find their own belts.

Then came a very difficult part of the ceremony. I had to retire from the presence backward. Now, I had always been going "forward" during my previous life and was somewhat doubtful as to how I should perform this retrograde movement. I remembered the fate of the mayor of Truro, who, having presented an address to the queen on board her yacht in Falmouth harbor, walked backward into the sea. However, I stepped back a pace and, having steadied myself bowed, then another half a dozen paces, bowing again, and after repeating the operation once more to my great relief found myself at the door.—Sir Richard Tangye in Chambers' Journal.

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When the great nations rose, in days of yore,
And girded them for strife, then floated forth
Above the conquering armies of the north
That standard which the storied legend bore
Of him who slew the dragon. Nevermore
Those hideous fangs should tear their human prey,
Since good incarnate henceforth should hold away
O'er evil vanquished, prone to rise no more.
Yet still, from age to age, the hydra heads
Of the slain dragon rise from out the dust.
St. George! St. Michael! Where are ye today?
The reek of carnage from the orient spreads;
The dallying nations sheath their blades in rust,
While, in God's name, a woman leads the way.

—Woman's Journal.

A PAYING JOURNAL.

"Not as much local matter as there should be," said Wallace, the editor, as he stood over the forms of his paper and drummed with a make up rule against the stone.

"I can give you an item," said Haggerty, the printer, shifting his long legs and distributing dead bourgeois.

"Good! What is it?"

"The Red Front will close up Saturday night and move over to Jimtown."

"Oh, Lord! There goes another advertiser."

"And the Tin Tunnel was abandoned yesterday. Joyce says there isn't any more gold there than there is in his hat."

"Do you want me to publish treason? The Deep Gulch Courier shall never admit that a mine has failed to pay."

"And Brindley Rann is going to move his faro layout to Bolivar on Monday."

"Haggerty, you are a positive blessing in disguise—rather too well disguised, in fact. You can get more items that I don't want to print than any reporter I ever saw. Have you nothing that reflects credit upon Deep Gulch?"

"Naw," growled Haggerty, with an old printer's pessimism. "Deep Gulch is dying, or dead. You better follow the rest of them and get out with your printing office."

"Oh, surely these other mines are solid. The malcontents will all move back again. The Trolley and the Empire will never close down. I wrote an item about them myself this week."

"Just two Chinamen working in the Trolley," rejoined Haggerty, searching for an r in the a box. "And as for the Empire, the superintendent is making a bluff. He knows there is no pay dirt there."

"Then, by the mass, I'll quit the town, too, and move over to Jimtown before any other paper gets a start there."

And yet Wallace hated to leave Deep Gulch. He had come here with the first of them and had insisted through columns and columns of leaded type that this was the real El Dorado. He had believed it himself. Editors must be optimists, of necessity. Still he would not be the last to move. He planned while working off the papers that night on his Washington press how he could straighten up affairs and get out easily.

While he and Haggerty were folding the papers and addressing them to their 200 subscribers the door opened and in walked a very well dressed gentleman.

He was a stranger, possibly an advertising agent. Wallace greeted him civilly. Haggerty would have called it cordially.

"Proprietor in?" asked the stranger. He gave an impression of prompt, decisive manner.

Wallace confessed ownership.

"I want to talk with you privately."

That was new. The editor looked about his one small room in perplexity. Haggerty helped him out by reaching for the sprinkling can. "I'll get some water," he said and vanished.

"I'm from New York. I'm secretary of the Empire Mining company. They tell me most of the mines here are closing down, not paying anything."

"Yes, so I hear," assented the editor.

"Business men pulling up and going to Jimtown."

"Yes. I've about concluded to go there myself before any other paper"—

"I don't want you to do it."

"No?"

"No. What will you take to stay right here and run your paper all winter—run it wide open, fill it with items, crowd it with advertisements and reports of new diggings, arrivals, fights, big finds, new buildings—you understand? How much?"

"Why, there are none of those things happening."

"I didn't ask you to make them happen. Just report them."

"Oh, I see."

"Yes, I thought you would."

"You want your mine boomed."

"Certainly. I want to unload a little Empire stock down in New York if I can."

"What'll you give?"

"A hundred a week."

"For how long?"

"Till March."

"I'll go you."

They traded. The secretary paid one week's wages on the spot and promised a check every Monday for three months. Haggerty came back with the water and found Wallace radiant. They went out that night and tried their luck at a farewell throw in Brindley Rann's place. But Brindley knew he was going to quit Deep Gulch in a day or two, so they lost.

One by one the houses—some of lumber, some of canvas, some of both materials combined—folded their wings and withdrew bodily. The street became more and more an empty hillside every day. Saloons, groceries, gambling rooms and dry goods emporiums were loaded on freighters' wagons—goods, walls, roofs and windows—and hauled away from Deep Gulch.

Nothing was left but the big double house that had been hotel and gambling room and hardware store all in one and the little pine printing office of all the buildings that Deep Gulch had boasted six months before. Yet The Courier never confessed it. Reading the columns of that veracious sheet, one was astounded at the bustling, not to say seething, condition of municipal affairs.

I wish I had space to copy the items. There was a quarrel in the city council over opening a new street; a letter from Vox Populi condemning the councilmen for favoritism in letting the contract for the sewer; the arrival of Piper's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company with four mules and four Markses; half a column of births and weddings and another half of an accident in the Strawboard mine—an industry which had no earthly existence.

"Good story, that gun fight you described," grinned Haggerty, as he rattled the untruthful types into his stick.

Wallace thanked him.

"Might report a lawsuit."

"Good thing!" exclaimed the editor and wrote half a column about the crowds at the courtroom and the cheers when the accused woman was acquitted. Then he grew boastful in the declaration that the Masonic temple, "now nearing completion," laid over anything in Jimtown or any other city of twice the size in Idaho.

Big finds in the Rabbit mine, bigger still in the Empire, good reports from the Snowbank diggings, better still from the Eclipse, these were vagrant items scattered through the pages.

Wallace "made up" and put the forms on the press. Haggerty "rolled" for him, and they printed four copies—two for the secretary of the Empire Mining company in New York, one for a foreign advertiser and one for the files.

That was the extent of the issue, and when they had "worked it off" Haggerty washed the type with concentrated lye and threw it in again.

There was no postoffice in Deep Gulch. It had vanished with the vanishing business. There was not a single resident beside these two men and a half breed who slept in the double house next door and hunted for a living. Every week Wallace walked the ten miles to Jimtown, mailed the three copies of his paper, paying full rates to keep the secret, received his check at the postoffice, cashed it, bought supplies for himself and Haggerty and then walked home again. He used to say grimly it was an excellent time to gather items.

And every week the secretary of that Empire Mining company opened the papers in his office at New York, destroyed the wrappers and showed his friends how the mine was booming.

Along toward spring Wallace saw from the letters accompanying his remittances that the secretary had about "unloaded," and he made arrangements to pull out as soon as his contract was ended. Haggerty wanted him to throw it up and follow the star of empire, but the editor was too honest a man. Besides, the business was paying.

One day they saw a man prospecting up at the mouth of the abandoned Trolley mine. Presently he came down and entered the office.

"First to come and last to leave, eh?" he remarked, laughing, as he regarded the material with an expert eye.

"Well, last to leave anyway," said Wallace not very proudly. "Been prospecting?"

"Yes. I rather like the looks of things up there on the hill."

"Lots of gold been taken out of there."

"Lots more to take out yet," rejoined the stranger.

It was not for The Courier to contradict that statement. The stanger toyed with the standing type in that easy way that proves acquaintance.

"Haven't much use for a paper here, have you?" he asked.

"No. I would sell."

"What will you take?"

"What'll you give?"

He made an offer, and Wallace traded, possession to be given the 1st of March. After the papers had been signed the stranger went over to Jimtown and got the money. Wallace and Haggerty both thought they were in a dream. The stranger hung around that Trolley claim, digging, washing, cutting timbers. One day he came down with some specimens and showed them. Wallace had become something of an expert. He knew they held gold. He regretted selling, but he went away with the end of winter and drifted up to Boise City, where he put his money in the Miners' bank and took cases on The Herald.

Haggerty put what money he could raise in the faro banks and "subbed" on an afternoon paper.

One day in August Wallace saw a man in the restaurant with a copy of The Courier in his pocket. Now, an ex-publisher, seeing his paper folded with the title out, may ask any one possessing it to surrender, though it be the angel Gabriel. And this was not. This was a very accommodating, not to say friendly, fellow, who was glad to form a new acquaintance.

"So you used to run The Courier?" he asked after they had taken a drink together. "Well, I run it now."

"Oh, you bought it of"—

"No. He bought it for me. You see, I was on the inside. I knew there was gold in the Trolley and all along that gulch and that a rush would come the minute the truth was told. So I bought the paper and boomed her where she would do the most good."

"And did the rush come?" Wallace swallowed that reference to "the truth."

The stranger frowned a very good imitation of a thundercloud and replied, "Filled the gulch from Sage run to Honeycomb rock."

"You don't tell me!"

Those names were regretfully familiar.

"Main street runs right up the hill. Morris & Swan put in a new stamp mill the other day. That's five in six months."

"You amaze me!"

"Bought a lot for 50 cases last May and sold it in June for 100,"

"Well, well!"

"Dan McCarty elected mayor last Monday, and"—

"Not Dan McCarty of Indianapolis?"

"That's the man."

Wallace was trembling with excitement.

"Why, I've known him for 20 years."

"You have? Well, he's mayor."

"How things have changed!"

"Changed! Well, I guess yes. Little too fast for me. I'm looking about for something nearer civilization. Don't hanker after frontier journalism more than six months at a time."

"Pays, don't it?"

"Well, I've taken out enough to buy an interest in The Herald here. Pays that well."

"Who bought your office?"

"'Tisn't sold. I own The Courier."

"Would you sell it?"

"Yes, if I got my price."

"How much?"

The prosperous proprietor named a figure. Wallace won a concession of half a hundred, and they made a bargain, taking another drink to bind it. Wallace always did like that Deep Gulch country. He drew his cash from the Miners' bank, paid it down, giving a mortgage on The Courier plant for the balance and threw up his cases on The Herald.

He hunted up Haggerty, bought a pair of burros, loaded one with a camp outfit, and they left Boise City on their pilgrimage.

"Tell Mayor McCarty I'll be down in a week or two," said the stranger as he gave them goodby. "No, give him a note for me." And he scribbled on the leaf of a memorandum book, tore it out, sealed it and gave it to Wallace. Then they took another drink and shook hands for the fifteenth time, parting solemnly.

Four days Haggerty and Wallace climbed up hills for the monotonous pleasure of climbing down again. Four nights they rolled themselves in dusty blankets and slept the sleep of the hopeful. Hour after hour they hammered the stubborn little burros, but could not make them trot; met Indian squaws riding a straddle on dejected ponies; forded streams where the current was swift and treacherous, and then they came at sundown to the crossing of Sage run.

"Seems to me we ought to see the lights of the city," said Haggerty.

"Well, he said the main street runs up the hill, instead of across, you know," was Wallace's reply.

They crept along the bank, but the burros would not take to the water in the darkness. So they rolled themselves in their blankets for a final camp and swore they would eat breakfast at the best hotel in the morning.

When the coyotes barked, just before daybreak, Haggerty arose and climbed a height that towered above Sage run and dominated the whole canyon where Deep Gulch lay. There he lighted his pipe and waited for sunrise. When it came, he threw pebbles down at the sleeping burros till their braying waked the editor.

"Come up here," called Haggerty, and Wallace hastened to him. As he reached the summit he flashed one look along that empty canyon, then staggered and sank down on the stones. He recovered and looked again.

There was no stamp mill. There was no store. There was not even a saloon from Sage run to the very apex of Honeycomb rock. The double house had vanished, and the shanty which sheltered the printing office in old days was all that was left of the metropolis.

Wallace opened the letter addressed to the mayor, unfolded the scrap of paper and read:

DEAR MR. WALLACE—Maybe you can unload on some one else. It's the only way to make journalism pay in the provinces. If you ever meet Mayor McCarty, tell him how good a turn the mention of his name served me. And send me a copy of The Courier with your salutatory. Goodby.

That was all.—Le Roy Armstrong in Lippincott's Magazine.

A Cannibal Tidbit.

The Missionary Herald quotes Captain Hind's assertion that nearly all tribes in the Kongo basin are or have been cannibals, and that the practice is on the increase, not merely for superstitious reasons, but also for the provision of food. There is a certain sturdy, fat race in Africa which has never been famous for its prowess, but which is made a regular staple article of diet.

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Banking House and Fixtures	1,000 00	Circulation	49,500 00
Due from other Banks $219,398 97		Total Deposits	690,691 58
Cash on hand 68,294 00—287,692 97			
Total	$940,595 59	Total	$940,595 59

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 15, '95.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, 97.
Surplus and Net Profits	$52,000	$62,400	$75,400
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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:06 P. M., Hamlet 6:53 P. M., Rockingham 7:20 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:35 P. M., Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:20 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

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Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 27 "
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Arrive Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Greensboro	4 50 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 17 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

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Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 15 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3 DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M.
Arrive Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

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Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 15 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
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Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
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Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
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Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

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DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.05 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M., Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., +Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 4.38 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., +Tarboro 5.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., +Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.09 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.40 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.21 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 8.30 A. M., Macon 11.30 A. M., Atlanta 12.55 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.50 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave +Boston 1.08 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.59 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 1.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.24 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.00 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., +Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.48 P. M., +Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.45 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.35 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 11.59 A. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.18 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 7.00 A. M., Atlanta 8.20 A. M., Macon 9.30 A. M., Augusta 8.05 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.25 A. M., Florence 10.05 A. M., Marion 10.44 A. M., Chadbourn 11.45 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.16 P. M.

+Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 P. M.; Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leave Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.19 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M., and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C. daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.30 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.17 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.35 A. M., Dillon 10.47 A. M., Rowland 11.02 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.01 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.05 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.10 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 8.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.27 P. M., Manning 6.56 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.28 A. M., Manning 9.05 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.35 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.55 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.28 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 3.25 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.15 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.40 P. M., Hartsville 9.35 P. M., Bennettsville 9.36 P. M., Gibson 10.00 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.27 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except sunday at 6.15 A. M., Bennettsville 6.41 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.40 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 6.45 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.30 A. M.; leave Darlington 9.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.35 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3.00 P. M.; Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Darlington 6.39 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.20 A. M., Darlington 9.05 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.35 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 P. M., 11.16 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.32 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M. Rowland 6.18 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 11.05 A. M., Fayetteville 12.22 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.05 P. M., Smithfield 1.49 P. M., Selma 1.50 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.09 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 6.26 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M.; arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 8.05 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 9.05 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 2.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.25 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

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Time Table No. 3.

The Morning Star.

EXPRESS CAR ROBBED.

The Messenger Overpowered, Gagged and Bound by Two Masked Men Near Kansas City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., January 4.—After about three months of inactivity Kansas City's train robbers created another sensation to-night. This time the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf road is the sufferer. The company's Port Arthur express, which left the depot here at 6.40 to-night, was robbed before it had passed beyond the city limits. Two men, whom no one but the express messenger seems to have seen, climbed into the express car as the train left. They overpowered, bound and gagged him, and rifled the car before the train came to a stop. When the train slowed up at a railroad crossing near the southeastern limits of the city, they climbed out of the car and disappeared.

Nothing was known of the robbery until a negro train porter entered the car and found the helpless express messenger. After the train had been stopped and others of the crew had come forward and released the express messenger, it was found that the robbers had rifled the local safe, taking everything of value. They had made no effort to disturb the through safe, which is protected by a time lock.

The Wells Fargo Company control the express business on the Pittsburg and Gulf road. At the express company's office here, the local manager stated that there was not much of value in the local safe and that $200 or $300 would probably cover the company's loss. In police circles, however, the impression is that the robbers secured several thousand dollars in money and jewelry.

A CABINET MEETING.

Civil Service Law Discussed—The President's Deep Concern in Hanna's Contest in Ohio.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—At the meeting of the Cabinet to-day, attended by all the members except Secretaries Algiers and Long, the replies to be submitted by the various secretaries to the Senate resolution calling for information as to the application of the Civil Service law to the several departments of the Government and the recommendations if any, the secretaries have to make regarding the administration of the law, were fully discussed. The head of each department will submit to the Senate his individual reply to the resolution and it was only the general tenor of the replies that was under discussion. All of the replies have been prepared and it is expected that all of them will be sent to the Senate to-morrow. Aside from the civil service matter, no question of general importance was discussed. The Senatorial situation in Ohio was alluded to and the President expressed not only his deep concern in the result, but also his belief that Hanna would succeed himself.

THE FREEZE IN FLORIDA.

Strawberries and Other Crops Badly Damaged—Orange Trees Injured—Damage to Pineapples Trifling.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, January 4.—The cold weather of January 1st and 2d did considerable temporary damage to vegetables, but none of a permanent character. Orange trees will in some cases lose their foliage, and where they were in exposed places in the northern border of the orange belt will lose a part of their tender growth. Owing to the fact, however, that the sap was down, the trees themselves were able to resist unscathed even lower temperature. Reports from the pine apple belt of the east coast indicate that the damage to pineapples was trifling.

The Fall crop of tobacco in all parts of the State was injured badly. Blooms on strawberries were killed. Early strawberries in the northern section were frozen on the vines, and the plants themselves set back fully six weeks. The tenderest garden crops in all sections as far south as Tampa, where lacking protection by forests, streams or lakes, were badly injured, but exposed gardens did not represent more than one-half the area in truck, growers having learned by experience the wisdom of selecting well protected spots.

IN THE U. S. COURT.

The Controversy Over the Position of Railroad Commissioners in North Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—The case of North Carolina against James W. Wilson was docketed in the United States Supreme Court to-day. The case involves a controversy over the position of railroad commissioners in North Carolina, and also the constitutionality of the law providing for a railroad commission. One section of this law authorizes the deposing by the Governor of a commissioner who should become a stockholder in a railroad. Mr. Wilson occupied the office of chairman of the State board and was removed by the Governor last August upon the charge that he was a stockholder in the Southern Railway Company; L. C. Caldwell being appointed in his stead. The State courts sustained the Governor and Wilson brings the case to the Supreme Court upon the plea that he was deprived of his office without due process of law.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Continued Dullness the Rule—Low Prices on Fancy Spring Prints —Trading Light.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 4.—Continued dullness is the rule in dry goods, the market being without feature to-day in the direction of improvement. Spot trading is light and mail orders show no general improvement, either in numbers or extent. The new process on fancy prints for spring show universally low prices. The buying is not stimulated by these announcements as it should be. Woolen and worsted goods maintain their supremacy in the market; both men's wear fabrics and dress goods being in continued fair supplementary demand. Store trading, though light, is constant, and has a considerable weight in maintaining the average.

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OHIO SENATORSHIP.

The Political Future of Senator Hanna in Closely Poised Balance.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION.

Republicans Will Hold No Caucus—Both Houses Will Ballot Separately for Senator Tuesday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, January 4.—The political future of Senator Hanna is certainly to-night in a closely poised balance. While there are now reported to be only nine dissenters among the eighty Republican members, one in the Senate and eight in the House, yet the really doubtful list is limited to two or three. Some of the dissenting Republicans are not likely ever to be reconciled to Senator Hanna. They have burned the bridges behind them and openly admit it.

Representatives Griffith and Joyce, who voted with "the combine" on the organization, stated to-day that they would vote for Senator Hanna. This gives Hanna fifty-four in the House and seventeen in the Senate, a total of seventy-one, or two short of the necessary majority. Drooste, of Hamilton, who voted for Boxwell for Speaker, announced at the time that he would support Jep Thaggard, a silver Republican, for Senator, so that the net gain for Hanna to date, over the vote on the organization ts only one. The Hanna men say they expect to get the votes of Scott of Fulton, and Rutan of Carroll, who are instructed for Hanna and voted with the "combine" on the organization.

On the other hand, the "combine" managers say that Scott and Rutan will remain with them to a finish, and that they expect to get Snider of Greene and Redkay of Highland, who voted for Boxwell for Speaker. The doubtful members are being offered their choice of chairmanships, and given the opportunity to make all other selections they want.

The power of the organization of the House is certainly being used to the greatest possible advantage, and its influence is not to be underestimated in connection with the support of the State administration. While Mr. Kurt and his associates will make no statements, yet they are holding back the appointments on the committees and other patronage in anticipation of gaining several votes on the Senatorial ballot.

In holding their men in line, the "combine" is having trouble with some of the sixty-five Democratic members. It is believed that Mayor McKisson will give way to Mr. Kurtz for the short term for Senator, while Governor Bushnell has all along been regarded as the candidate for the long term. Representatives Wiley Powell, Niles, and other radical free silver Democrats, are not satisfied with Kurtz and Bushnell, and if they are to vote for Republicans, they want them with pronounced silver records like that of Gerrard and others that are named. Some of the Democratic members insist that the breach is so wide and so deep now between the Republicans that John R. McLean, or some other free silver Democrat, could be elected over Hanna.

Letters and telegrams to-day poured in to Governor Bushnell, the dissenting Republican members and others, protesting against the action of the Republicans who were co-operating with the Democrats.

REPUBLICANS HOLD NO CAUCUS.

The announcement to-day that they would have no joint Senatorial caucus to-morrow night or at any time previous to the balloting for Senators will compel all to continue in this guerilla warfare for another week. But with the result depending on the action of two or three doubtful members, neither side could show its hand without exposing the recruits or the deserters to terrific fire for at least a week. It was expected by the public that there would be decisive caucuses and the steering committees will try to have all members located before ballottng begins.

WILL BALLOT TUESDAY.

The Senate and the House will ballot separately next Tuesday for Sentor. The Senate will stand 19 to 17 against Hanna by Senator Burke voting with the Democrats. The House on Monday stood 56 to 53. It is now 55 to 54 against Hanna. This would settle the contest if the "combine" in both houses can concentrate on any one candidate against Hanna, and when the two houses meet on the following day, Wednesday, January 12th, to canvass in joint assembly the vote of the previous day as cast by each branch separately, there would be nothing to do except to announce the total result as 74 to 71 against Hanna. But if Senator Hanna has not a majority a week hence, it is doubtful whether any opponent will have it, and the general prediction is for a deadlock. In the event that the balloting next Tuesday does now show a majority for any one, the General Assembly will proceed on the next day to ballot in joint assembly and continue to do so till there is an election. The balloting may not do any more than to compel the contestants to show their names on roll call and after that the same fight may be continued for an indefinite period.

"The combine" to-night is charging that Senator Hanna is in such desperate straights as to be forced "to swap horses" while crossing the stream, owing to the Republicans deciding to hold no caucus. They also charge that he has been an ex-Senator since the Legislature met yesterday. As Senator Hanna was appointed when Secretary Sherman went into the cabinet, Article 2, Section 2, of the Statutes is being quoted as follows: "If vacancies (in the Senate) happen by resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies."

While this talk about Ohio now having only one Senator proceeds, the Hanna men explain that they want the same action now as was accorded Senator Foraker two years ago. Foraker had been endorsed at the Zanesville State convention in 1894 for Senator and was elected without any Republican opposition in the Legislature. The Hanna men say they ask that the same "courtesy and loyalty" now prevail.

Senator Burke, of Cleveland, arrived to-day from Chicago and completed the full attendance of the Senators. Burke voted with the Democrats, but took his seat on the Republican side of the chamber.

In the House all sorts of bills were introduced against corporations. These measures were regarded as thrusts at Senator Hanna, whose affairs are of varied interests.

OUTSIDE PRESSURE FOR HANNA.

While these measures were being thrown in, a delegation of 350 from Springfield, the home of Governor Bushnell, marched into the State House, wearing Hanna badges and with banners of severe inscriptions, and called for Governor Bushnell.

Congressman Weaver, the spokesman of the visiting delegation from Springfield, in addressing Governor Bushnell, said: "I had the honor to present your name at the Toledo convention and am proud of it. Circumstances have arisen which have changed the current of affairs. Certain persons who claim to be Republicans are endeavoring to thwart Mr. Hanna's candidacy, but we cannot believe that you are one of these, that you are unloyal. For you to do this would be a political blunder, if not a political crime. Hence we call to ask if you have done what is charged against you."

Following this, Congressman Weaver's remarks were in the nature of an appeal to the Governor to not permit the Republican party to go down to defeat by the election of any other man for Senator except Marcus A. Hanna.

Governor Bushnell was almost overcome by emotion, in his response. He referred to the fact that the Representatives and Senators from Clarke county are strong adherents of Hanna, while three-fourths of the Kuyahoga county delegation are for him.

He said he had been misunderstood and misrepresented in the present controversy and charged that it was not true that he had attended a Democratic conference to defeat Hanna. [Cheers.] He said he did not know such a conference had been held. He expressed the belief that the members of the House and Senate should settle the question of a Senator and that all others should remain out of the fight.

"But that," he said, "cannot be, as it is a free country, and as long as the people behaved they had a right to be there. But all people have their preferences and prejudices and until to-day my Republicanism has never been questioned." Hisses and groans, mingled with cheers, greeted this statement, and Governor Bushnell raised his hand to quiet the assemblage. "It is by your suffrage that I am in this high office. Now, if you have no respect for me, for God's sake have respect for the office."

"Have you taken any action for a candidate, Governor?" inquired one of the delegates. "I have no vote in the Legislature," the Governor said. Continuing, Governor Bushnell said: "I discharged my duty last Spring when I appointed Mr. Hanna United States Senator. Now the members of the Legislature must discharge theirs."

It is evident that the Hanna men will not compromise on Secretary Sherman, assistant Secretary Day or any other one, and that they will not show either their strength or their weakness until the balloting begins next week.

NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION.

COLUMBUS, January 4.—Late to-night the Hanna managers lost the two doubtful members that they had gained to-day, so that there is now no material change from that of yesterday, when the House stood 56 to 53 against Hanna.

In connection with the change of Representative Griffith back to the anti-Hanna camp, there are most scandalously sensational reports in circulation. Mr. Griffith has been on both sides several times and has so pledged himself in writing.

To-night Mr. Griffith issued a card in which he said in part: "I have, however, since hearing the particulars of the indignities heaped upon my wife Monday morning, reached the conviction that I would be untrue to my manhood should I cast my vote for a man who either uses or employs such methods, and shall resent the indignities and insults heaped upon myself and friends, and also do a service for my State and country by voting for a Republican other than Mr. Hanna for United States Senator."

When a copy of the statement purporting to come from Representative Griffith was shown to Senator Hanna this evening he said: "I do not believe Mr. Griffith ever made this statement, because it is not true. It is represented to me that he is an honorable man and therefore I shall not believe without some further evidence that he ever made or authorized any such statement."

Notwithstanding the Senator regards it as untrue that Representative Griffith himself publishes this statement, yet it is known that the document is in Griffith's handwriting, whether he prepared it himself or not. The last letter of Griffith has caused not only a sensation, but the most bitter feeling and the worst of charges on the part of the rival workers.

COTTON MOVEMENT.

Total Visible Supply, Exports and Stocks—The Total Crop Will Approximate 9,936,014 Bales.

The statement of Messrs. Latham Alexander & Co., issued January 3rd furnishes the following information:

The total visible supply of cotton in the world is 38,322 bales more than last year, 189,948 bales less than in 1896, and 561,995 bales less than in 1895.

The exports this year are 343,891 bales more than last year, 1,615,895 bales more than in 1896, and 271,576 bales more than in 1895.

The stock in United States ports is 20,874 bales less than last year, 153,871 bales more than in 1896, and 24,607 bales less than in 1895.

The price of March contracts is now 1.21 cents cheaper than last year, 2.37 cents cheaper than in 1896, and 0.22 cents dearer than in 1895.

The total amount of cotton that has come into sight from September 1st to January 1st (four months) for the cotton years mentioned below is as follows:

1898	1897	1896.	1895.
7,260,033	6,398,192	4,944,220	6,994,673

The amount therefore that has come into sight this year to January 1st is 861,841 bales more than last year, 2,315,813 bales more than in 1896, and 265,360 bales more than in 1895.

While there still exists a degree of uncertainty as to the total crop, such a large percentage has already been marketed up to this date the result can be fairly approximated, for it is not reasonable to suppose that the movement from now until the end of the cotton year will be out of all proportion with that that has already taken place, nor with that of previous crops from January 1st to the end of the season.

The receipts to January 1st are 861,841 bales greater than those of last year, when the crop proved to be 8,757,964, and with a corresponding gain until the end of the season on 2,359,772 bales, which were the receipts from January 1st to September 1st, the total crop would approximate 9,936,014 bales.

The receipts to January 1st are 265,360 bales larger than 1895, when the large crop of 9,901,251 was made, and with a corresponding gain until the end of the season on 2,906,578 bales, which were the receipts from January 1st to September 1st, the total crop would approximate 10,277,061 bales.

As there has been an increase in receipts of only 265,360 bales in the marketing of 2,906,578 bales, which were the receipts after January 1st that year. Even should this prove to be the case, the total crop then would not reach anything like the extravagant estimates that have been made.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

The Railway Commission Adjourned Subject to Call of the Chairman.

THE WESTERN UNION CASE

Meeting of Directors of the North Carolina Railway—Long Distance Telephone Lines—The Adjutant General's Report—The Park Hotel.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 4.

The directors of the North Carolina Railway met here to-day in regular session. The principal object of the meeting is to declare the usual six and one-half per cent. dividend. There is a full attendance of directors.

Judge E. W. Timberlake is in the city. Next week Judge Timberlake will hold the January term of Wake Criminal Court.

The Railway Commission adjourned subject to the call of the chairman, L. C. Caldwell. It is not likely that there will be another meeting until next week.

This commission still has under consideration the advisability of withdrawing the case of the Western Union Telegraph Company, relative to a reduction of telegraph rates, from the United States Court. This, counsel for the telegraph company say, is the reason that they wanted additional time in which to file pleadings in reply to the answer of the commission. Judge Simonton granted the telegraph company the motion, to which the railway commission, last week, refused to consent.

Mr. C. C. Fagan, who was turned out by the commissioners to make way for Sharpe, of Iredell, left for his home in Eastern Carolina to-day. He says he will not bring suit for possession of the office or for salary.

Mr. Will. Wynne, who has constructed several long distance telephone lines from Raleigh to adjacent towns, says that his venture is a financial success. He will soon construct a line from here to Wake Forest. Mr. Wynne proposes to continue his Selma line to Goldsboro and ultimately to Newbern.

The report of the Adjutant General has been completed and advance copies given out to-day.

The Park Hotel has not paid for some time. One hotel for Raleigh is a money-maker, but it appears that two can't stand competition. The Messrs. Page do not lose anything by the closing of the Park. The Yarboro will compensate them for rent.

WARM WIRELETS.

Dr. Robert L. Dabney one of the most prominent educators of the South, died at Knoxville, Tenn., yesterday.

General Johnson Hagood died yesterday at 1 o'clock aged 69 years, at his home in Barnwell, South Carolina.

The steamer Vigilancia, at New York from Havana, brought 594,000 pounds of sugar. This is the first shipment of sugar from Cuba in many months.

Since the agitation concerning the publication of the list of pensioners has commenced, Commissioner Evans has received several letters from pensioners requesting a cancellation of their pensions.

The coldest weather of the season thus far in the northern part ef New York was experienced yesterday, the mercury registering 34 degrees below zero at Saranac Lake; 25 below at Mountain View, and 20 below in Malone.

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